

Application No. 10/753,400
Attorney Docket No. 1740-000037/US

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 13-15, 17, 22, 24-31 and 33 are pending in this application. Independent claims 1, 14, 15, 22, 30 and 31 are amended, and support for the amendments is provided by at least paragraph [0095] of the Applicants' specification. No claims are cancelled or added.

Applicants note all of these claims were previously indicated as allowable. Since the claims amendments shown in the preceding section incorporate additional features into the claims, all of currently pending claims 1, 3-7, 13-15, 17, 22, 24-31 and 33 are still believed to be allowable.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants note an Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith and respectfully request the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of each of the pending claims of the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott A. Elchert at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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